MR. P. BALAKRISHNAN THAMPI : May I know whether there is a Legal and Constitutional Adviser for this House as there are in other Representative Bodies?

MR. PRESIDENT : Yes. There is one. Now, I rule that since Mr. Thanu Pillai's resolution is not seconded, the resolution falls. We now go to the next item of the Agenda.

അഡ്വൈസറികമ്മിറ്റിയിലേക്ക് മിസ്റ്റർ പാർത്തസാരഥിയെ നിർദ്ദേശിച്ചുകൊണ്ടുള്ള ഒരു നാമനിർദ്ദേശപത്രികയും സ്റ്റാൻഡിംഗ് കമ്മിറ്റിയിലേക്ക് മി. യു. കെ. വാസുദേവൻ ആശാരിയെ നിർദ്ദേശിച്ചുകൊണ്ടുള്ള ഒരു നാമനിർദ്ദേശപത്രികയും മാത്രമേ കിട്ടിയിട്ടുള്ളൂ. അവ പരിശോധിച്ചതിൽ സാധുവാണെന്നു കണ്ടിരിക്കുന്നു. അതുകൊണ്ട് മി. പാർത്തസാരഥിയെ അഡ്വൈസറികമ്മിറ്റിയിലെ ഒരു അംഗമായും മി. യു. കെ. വാസുദേവൻ ആശാരിയെ സ്റ്റാൻറിംഗ് കമ്മിറ്റിയിലെ ഒരു അംഗമായും തെരഞ്ഞെടുത്തിരിക്കുന്നു വിവരം പ്രഖ്യാപിച്ചുകൊള്ളുന്നു.

MR. K. VELAYUDHAN NAIR : ഒരു ഡ്രാഫ്റ്റിംഗ് കമ്മിറ്റിയെ നിയമിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ട്. അവർ വളരെക്കാലം ആലോചിച്ച് ഒരു പ്രമേയം പാസ്സാക്കി ഇങ്ങോട്ടയച്ചു. ആ പ്രമേയം ഇവിടെ തള്ളി. അതുകൊണ്ട് ഇനി ആ കമ്മിറ്റി ജോലിചെയ്യുമോ ചെയ്യാതിരിക്കുമോ എന്നറിഞ്ഞാൽ കൊള്ളാം.

MR. PRESIDENT : ഡ്രാഫ്റ്റിംഗ് കമ്മിറ്റിയെ ഈ സഭയിൽനിന്നാണ് നിയമിച്ചിട്ടുള്ളതു്. അവരുടെ ജോലി തുടർന്നുകൊണ്ടുപോകുന്നതിനു യാതൊരു വിഘാതവുമില്ല. ഡ്രാഫ്റ്റിംഗ് കമ്മിറ്റിയുടെ പേക്കായിട്ട് മി. താണുപിള്ള അവതരിപ്പിച്ച പ്രമേയം പിന്താങ്ങാൻ ആരും ഇല്ലാതിരുന്നതുകൊണ്ട് അതു പരാജയപ്പെട്ടുപോയി എന്നുമാത്രമേയുള്ളൂ.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI : The Drafting Committee had passed a resolution by majority and presented it to be discussed by the House.

MR. PRESIDENT : There is nothing before the House that the Drafting Committee has presented.

MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI : The letter before the House was written by the Chairman of the Drafting Committee and was presented to this House on the authorisation by the members of the Drafting Committee.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI : There is a motion adopted by the Drafting Committee, if it is not the resolution adopted by the Drafting Committee.

MR. PRESIDENT : I will read it again.

"I hereby give notice of the following resolution which I intend to move on behalf of the Drafting Committee at the ensuing meeting of the Representative Body to be held on 1st Kumbhom 1124".

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MR. K. VELAYUDHAN NAIR : എനിക്കറിയേണ്ടത് അതല്ല.. ഒരു ഡ്രാഫ്റ്റിംഗ് കമ്മിറ്റിയേയും അഡൈ്വസറി കമ്മിറ്റിയേയും നിയമിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ട്. ഈ കമ്മിറ്റികൾ ജോലി ചെയ്യുന്നുണ്ടോ എന്നു നോക്കാനുള്ള അധികാരം ഈ സഭയ്ക്കാണോ അതോ വേറെ വല്ലവർക്കുമാണോ എന്നാണ് എനിക്കറിയേണ്ടത്.

MR. A. NESAMONY: May I be permitted to make a few observations? I am a member of the Drafting Committee. The Chair wanted to ascertain the sense of the House as to whether we should continue or not. I take the word you have now spoken that there is no business for the members of the Drafting Committee, because we have nothing to proceed with. We speak of Aikya Keralam, we speak of Union of States, and we speak of liquidation of the Royal Family. What are we to do? We just wanted to know what is it that we want you to draft. Our heads are empty. Please excuse us. You may do as you like. That seems to be the necessary inference from the facts given by you. I expected Mr. P. Balakrishnan Tampi, or Mr. C. Narayana Pillai, or Mr. K. S. Joseph to support. But I was sadly disappointed to see that those who supported this morning are now keeping quiet saying that I am not prepared to support it. Today I resign from the Drafting Committee.

MR. K. A. GANGADHARA MENON: Are all these discussions relevant to any matter before the House.

MR. PRESIDENT: Mr. Gangadhara Menon has raised a point of order. Many of the points of discussion are relevant. Mr. Velayudhan Nair asked a question. Well the President is not in a position to answer that question definitely. What I want to say for the information of the House was one thing. The Advisory Committee has put in a report. That report has been postponed for some technical reason. This House will meet again to consider that report and whether the Drafting Committee is to meet or not is, of course, a matter to be decided by the Drafting Committee itself, and not for the President and this House. Now every item of the agenda has been considered.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI: Under Rule 20, I crave the permission of the Chair to move a motion that the House has no confidence in the Drafting Committee.

MR. A. NESAMONY: I second it.

MR. PRESIDENT: I will give a ruling as to whether that is in order. Before that, I will finish what I wanted to say. Now all the items on the agenda are finished. Now the question is whether this House may be adjourned *sine die* or adjourned to some other day. The President shall take the permission of the House to adjourn the House, and I take it that the House would give permission to the President to adjourn the House *sine die*. You can give your objections, if any.

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MR. A. NESAMONY: After the House has been adjourned *sine die*, there is no meaning in stating that objections if any can be raised.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have asked the permission of the House to adjourn the meeting.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI: If the motion comes in, is there any possibility? Under Section (e) a motion, within the opinion of the Chairman, urgent and wide, can be allowed.

MR. PRESIDENT: I don't think there is any urgency in the matter.

MR. D. GNANASIGAMONI: It was stated on the floor of this House that some letter was received from the Government of India that this House should not draft any Constitution.

MR. PRESIDENT: This House has no information. So I take it that this House gives permission to adjourn this Session.

MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI: Before that I have to say something. I would like to make an observation on it.

MR. PRESIDENT: You oppose?

MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI: I oppose and I shall give the reason The Representative Body has formed a Committee to draft a Constitution for Travancore. Under the rules, we have got only two Committees, for the purpose. One, the Advisory Committee and the other the Drafting Committee. The third Committee is a Standing Committee, the business of which is to scrutinise the draft prepared by the Drafting Committee. As far as the functioning of this House is concerned, there are only two Committees bound to do work.

HON'BLE MR. A. J. JOHN: The Drafting Committee is a statutory Committee.

MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI: When this item was included in the agenda the report was before the Standing Committee and was given before the House for consideration. About the ruling, I am standing upon the rules.

MR PRESIDENT: It is true that printed copies of the report of the Advisory Committee have not been received in time. Before I gave the ruling, I specially made it clear that it was before the Standing Committee, and the Standing Committee has ordered to place it before the House. I thought that I should not take it up for consideration and before I gave the ruling I found that a large number of members were for postponement. I am sure that Mr. Nataraja Pillai also was in the House. Now when all the business is over he is raising up the question, to make a discussion on the ruling of the Chair. I rule that discussion should not be taken up.

MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI: In due respect, I may state, I oppose the *sine die* adjournment of the House.

MR. PRESIDENT: You should not refer to the ruling of the Chair.

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MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI: I am opposing it on the ground that this House has now definitely decided to take into consideration the question of drafting the Constitution, because this House appointed a Drafting Committee and the Drafting Committee has prepared an objective resolution and it is placed, under the authorisation of the Drafting Committee, before this House. When it was moved in the House, the House has refused to take it into consideration. There is no use in continuing the Drafting Committee, other than to spend time.

MR. ABDUL AZEEZ (*Trivandrum I—Muslim*): ഈ സഭയുടെ നടപടികൾ അനിശ്ചിതകാലത്തേക്ക് മാറ്റിവക്കുന്നതിനെ സംബന്ധിച്ച് സഭയുടെ അഭിപ്രായം അറിയണമെന്ന് പ്രസിഡൻറ് ആവശ്യപ്പെട്ടാൽ അതിന്മേൽ ഒരു ഡിസ്കഷൻ നടത്താൻ ഈ സഭക്ക് അധികാരമുണ്ടോ അതോ സഭയുടെ സെൻസ് എന്താണെന്ന് അറിയേണ്ട ആവശ്യം മാത്രമേയുള്ളോ എന്നറിഞ്ഞാൽ കൊള്ളാം.

MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI: I object to the motion for *sine die* adjournment.

MR. PRESIDENT: The only question is that I must get the permission of the House to adjourn it. And I am seeking the permission.

MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI: I am expressing my opinion now. The *sine die* permission should not be granted. The adjournment *sine die* is only a method to gain some time for some purpose. That is how I infer. If we are serious about tackling the question of framing a constitution for Travancore under the terms.....

MR. JOSEPH MALIECKAL: What are the reasons?

MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI: I think my friend will allow me the liberty of replying. I oppose the *sine die* adjournment.

MR. ABDUL AZEEZ: There is no motion for consideration of the House to this effect.

MR. PRESIDENT: The only question is that I must get permission under the rules of the Representative Body to adjourn the House and I am asking that permission. In seeking that permission, the hon'ble member is opposing.

MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI: I have a right to express my opinion. I say this permission should not be granted to adjourn the House *si e die* because we have exhausted our time. This House must go on with the responsibility vested in it. In the circumstances, I plead strongly to my brother members who have allowed this stalemate to realise the logical consequences and to see that the House is dispersed.

MR. PRESIDENT: I rule that the hon'ble member's suggestion that the House be dispersed is out of order, because there is no motion allowed. The only motion is whether the House gives permission to the Chair to adjourn the House *sine die* or to fix a certain date as the case may be.

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MR. JOSEPH MALIECKAL: The question may be put to vote.

MR. PRESIDENT: The only alternative before the House is either to give permission to the Chair to adjourn the House *sine die* or to fix a date to meet after adjournment. So there is no alternative of dispersal. I rule out that idea of dispersal.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI: From what Mr. P. S. Nataraja Pillai said, the matter was placed before this House as coming from the Drafting Committee and so it affects the fundamental of the constitution. The House has refused to take notice of it. There are also members of the Drafting Committee present here in this House, but nobody thought of seconding it. Evidently Sir ... ...

MR. K. A. GANGADHARA MENON: On a point of order. I request that a ruling may be given whether a discussion is permitted on a direction from the Chair to ascertain the sense of the House on a matter.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI: He ruled that it should not be done.

MR. K. A. GANGADHARA MENON: As I understood it, the Chair did not rule that a discussion would be permitted. The only question before this House is whether the House gives permission or not. It is not even a motion and the only procedure that is contemplated, as I understand it ....

MR. A. NESAMONY: Mr. Abdulla also raised the same question and the Chair gave a ruling upon the motion. The same question, is reiterated.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI: So far as the object is concerned, this Body has stultified itself and has no right to continue. It has stultified itself.

MR. PRESIDENT: Order, order.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI: It has stultified itself.

MR. PRESIDENT: Order, order. I am very sorry to make the remark that even such experienced parliamentarians are not honouring the rulings of the Chair. It is parliamentary practice everywhere and particularly there is a ruling—there are rules even in this House—in the Representative Body Rules that when the President is on his legs, no other member can stand up. I do not want to refer to any particular person. But I am really sorry that the dignity or the behaviour of some of the honourable members is not in keeping with the dignity of the House.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI: The Body has stultified itself.

MR. PRESIDENT: That is another thing. Whether the Body has done it or not, every member should sit down when the President is on his legs and I think the members would take that to heart.

MR. ABDUL RAZAAK. May I remind the Chair that the decorum of the House is lost ? (*Laughter.*)

MR. PRESIDENT: You need not mind that. Temporarily there was no decorum, and this reflects no credit to the members of this House. I should think that for a time there was no decorum.

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MR. ABDUL RAZAAK: I think it has been regained. (*Laughter*)

MR. PRESIDENT: It is now regained. I am very glad.

The question before the House is whether it gives permission to the Chair to adjourn *sine die*, or if the House thinks that it should not be adjourned *sine die*, whether it can fix a particular date on which we have to meet again. I have already ruled out of order that any suggestion of dispersal cannot be acceded to. Therefore, the only alternative questions are whether the House allows the President to adjourn the House *sine die* or it fixes a definite date on which we would meet.

(On a vote being taken, it was found that a majority of the members were for adjournment.)

MR. PRESIDENT: If the House wants that it should meet on a particular date to be fixed, we can suggest.

(The matter was put to vote.)

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI: What is the result of the previous vote?

MR. PRESIDENT: The President has freedom to take votes on all these matters.

I take it that the House has granted leave to the President to adjourn the House *sine die*. I adjourn the House *sine die*.

The House adjourned at 3·8 P. M. *sine die*.

V. KRISHNAMOORTHI AIYAR,
Secretary to the Representative Body.

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